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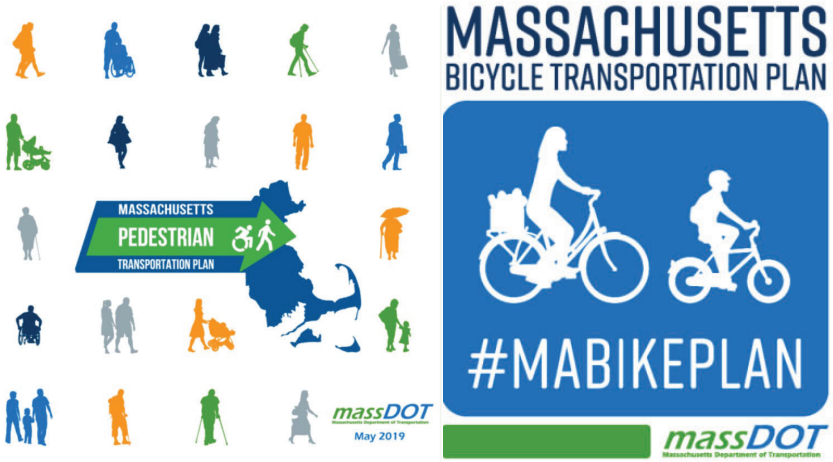
Massachusetts Department of Transportation

Secretary Stephanie Pollack's Report to the Boards

July 22, 2019

Registry of Motor Vehicles

- Priorities are safety, security and customer service.
- Governor Baker filed legislation on July 19 to strengthen our laws to ensure that only safe and qualified drive can a Commercial Driving License (CDL) in the Commonwealth.
- Process improvements have been made on RMV state-to-state communications.
  - Backlog of out-of-state U.S. mail to Massachusetts eliminated
  - Data exchange and process review underway for all 5.2 million MA licensure records against National Driver Registry.
  - Independent auditing firm Grant Thornton hired to do an end-to-end forensic review of RMV processes with respect to out of state notifications for Commercial Drivers Licenses and other licenses.
  - New unit being created for state-to-state communications and a Deputy Registrar of Safety will be hired.



Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans Finalized

Principle 1: Value people walking – and biking – and their travel needs, especially the most vulnerable - children, elderly, people with disabilities…

Principle 2: Prioritize improvements for people walking – and biking - by proactively addressing gaps and barriers that discourage walking – and biking …

Principle 3: Lead the Commonwealth in meeting the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan goals by supporting local municipalities and other agencies to advance everyday biking and walking.

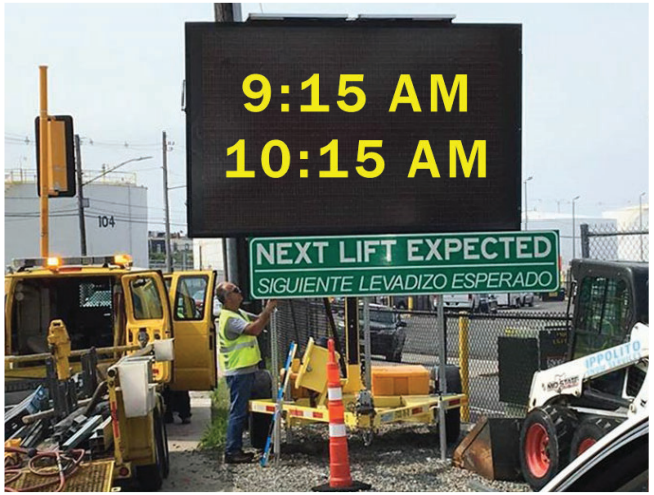
South Coast Rail Phase 1

- Phase 1 total project cost: $1.047 billion. Phase 1 will be funded 100% by the Commonwealth.
- South Coast Rail Phase 1 early action projects underway include grade crossing improvements, culvert and drainage work and track installation.
- Passenger train service between Boston-Taunton-Fall River-New Bedford will begin in 2023.

July 2: official groundbreaking for Phase 1.

Chelsea Street Drawbridge

- MassDOT is working with the marine and roadway communities to improve the predictability of bridge lifts and communicate lift times to the public in advance.
- Starting July 8, notifications began of the date and time of anticipated bridge lifts.
- This is a Pilot program and it will change based on findings.



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